

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Representative Greene, Senator Crisco Introduce Legislation To Fund Renovations To Beacon Falls Bridge**



State Representative Len Greene, R-105th, and State Senator Joseph Crisco, D-17th, announced they have introduced legislation to fund needed repairs to the Depot Street Bridge in Beacon Falls. House Bill 5867, An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State To Renovate The Depot Street Bridge In Beacon Falls, has been introduced to the Legislature's Transportation Committee.

Rep. Greene said that reportedly, \$1.2 million of the \$2.5 million cost of the project may be covered by a federal grant. However, those funds have not been guaranteed to the Town of Beacon Falls. The bridge has structural issues and lanes have been narrowed to restrict weight to the center.

"The Depot Street Bridge is extremely important to Beacon Falls' economy," said Representative Greene. "It provides the only way large trucks can access businesses in the Industrial Park, as well as a number of other companies in town. Also, if the bridge was closed, large emergency vehicles would not be able to reach certain sections of town. This legislation is designed to make state transportation officials aware of the serious need for the renovations and start the process moving toward securing the necessary state funds."

"The renovation of the Depot Street Bridge is a vital link to the economic future of Beacon Falls, and I'm pleased to work with Representative Greene to help secure state funding to help move this project forward," said Senator Crisco. "This is the way government should work, with the federal and state government providing assistance. Beacon Falls is such a unique community, and offers so much, and anything we can do to continue that tradition we should do it."